

H.R. 6462, to amend the Trading With the Enemy Act, as amended, so as to provide for certain payments for the relief and rehabilitation of needy victims of Nazi persecution.

ANTITRUST LAW AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee continued hearings on H.R. 2266, and related bills, to exempt certain professional sports enterprises (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) from the antitrust laws. Representatives of the radio and television industries were heard and hearings continue tomorrow.

U.S. SAVINGS STAMPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 held hearing on H.R. 8107, to prohibit the use of U.S. savings stamps for trade promotion. Testimony was heard from Julian B. Baird, Under Secretary of the Treasury for Monetary Affairs; and Representative Multer. Hearings continue tomorrow.

COMMITTEE MISCELLANY

Committee on Post Office and Civil Service: Ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills:

H.R. 8289, to accelerate the commencing date of civil-service retirement annuities; and

S. 1845 (amended), to provide for the establishment of rates of basic compensation for certain positions in the Patent Office in the Department of Commerce.

INTERNATIONAL HIGHWAY MEETINGS

Committee on Rules: Ordered favorably reported to the House H. Res. 368 (amended), amending H. Res. 91 to authorize the Public Works Committee to attend international meetings relating to roads and highways wherever held.

SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST RATE CEILING

Committee on Rules: Granted a closed rule with 2 hours of debate on H.R. 9035, to remove the interest rate ceiling on savings bonds. Witnesses heard on the rule were Representatives Mills, Simpson of Pennsylvania, Keogh, and Byrnes of Wisconsin.

SAVINGS BONDS INTEREST RATE BILL

Committee on Ways and Means: Ordered favorably reported to the House H.R. 9035, to remove the interest rate ceiling on savings bonds.

Joint Committee Meetings

AIRCRAFT NUCLEAR PROPULSION

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The Research and Development Subcommittee met in executive session to review a draft report on aircraft nuclear propulsion hearings, held earlier in the session. Committee did not conclude action thereon, and will meet again tomorrow to consider this matter and a summary analysis on hearings on employment radiation hazards and workmen's compensation insurance, also held earlier in the session.

APPROPRIATIONS—MILITARY CONSTRUCTION

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 8575, fiscal 1960 appropriations for military construction.

FARM LOANS

Conferees, in executive session, agreed to file a conference report on the differences between the Senate- and House-passed versions of H.R. 7629, relating to the extension and expansion of the refinancing loan authority of the Secretary of Agriculture.

Friday, September 4, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Both Houses cleared military construction appropriations for President.

Senate sustained veto of second Housing Act of 1959, cleared independent offices appropriations for President, and worked on agricultural trade development extension.

House cleared labor reform bill for President, and passed bill on savings bonds interest rates.

Senate committees reported Federal-aid highway bill.

Senate

Chamber Action

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Bills Introduced: 4 bills were introduced, as follows:
S. 2646-2649.

Pages 18037, 18108

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

Title 1 of H.R. 8678, proposed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959, with amendments (reported by Committee on Public Works) (S. Rept. 902);

H.R. 8678, proposed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959, with amendments (S. Rept. 903);

S. 2033, to amend the mining laws so as to provide for the inclusion of certain nonmineral lands in patents to placer claims, with amendments (S. Rept. 904);

S. Res. 129, favoring international efforts to strengthen cooperation in health and research, with amendments (S. Rept. 905);

H.R. 8437, private bill (S. Rept. 906);

H.J. Res. 403, granting consent of Congress to a compact creating the New York-New Jersey Transportation Agency, with amendments (S. Rept. 907); and

S. 1886, to amend the Communications Act with respect to community antenna television systems and certain rebroadcasting activities, with amendments (S. Rept. 908).

Pages 18107-18108

Bills Referred: Two House-passed bills were referred to appropriate committees.

Pages 18048, 18067

Veto Message—Housing: Message from President vetoing S. 2539, Housing Act of 1959, was received, read, and ordered to be printed as S. Doc. 52.

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Housing: By 58 yeas to 36 nays, Senate rejected motion of Senator Johnson (Texas) to pass S. 2539, Housing Act of 1959, the objections of the President to the contrary notwithstanding (two-thirds affirmative vote necessary to override veto). Motion to reconsider this action was tabled.

Pages 18057-18067

Independent Offices Appropriations: H.R. 7040, independent offices appropriations for fiscal 1960, was cleared for President when Senate adopted conference report and receded from its amendment No. 1 (respecting funds for Office of Civil and Defense Mobilization).

Pages 18067-18072

Military Construction Appropriations: Senate cleared for President H.R. 8575, fiscal 1960 appropriations for military construction, when it adopted conference report and concurred in House amendment to Senate amendment No. 2 (respecting funds for military construction, Army). Motion to reconsider this action was tabled.

Pages 18072-18073

Authority To Report: Select Committee on Small Business was authorized to file reports during sine die adjournment on "Dual Distribution in the Automotive Tire Industry, 1959," and "Shopping Centers, 1959."

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Soil Bank: Senate concurred in House amendment to S. 2457, to correct certain inequities under the soil bank program, thus clearing the bill for the White House.

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Minerals Leasing: Senate insisted on its amendments to S. 2181, proposed Mineral Leasing Act amendments of 1959, asked for conference with House, and appointed as conferees Senators Anderson, Moss, and Allott.

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Highways: Minority and individual views on H.R. 8678, Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959 were filed.

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Agricultural Trade Development: Senate considered S. 1748, to extend the Agricultural Trade Development and Assistance Act of 1954, taking the following actions on amendments thereto:

Adopted: By 47 yeas to 38 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Humphrey amendment (on behalf of committee) to extend for 3 years rather than 1 year titles I and II providing for selling abroad of farm surpluses for foreign currencies; modified Humphrey amendment (on behalf of committee) to provide for maximum authorization annually of \$1.5 billion for administration of act; and

Rejected: By 39 yeas to 48 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), modified Humphrey amendment (on behalf of committee) providing that act may be cited as Food and Fiber for Peace Act of 1959; by 42 yeas to 46 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Humphrey amendment (on behalf of committee) respecting reserve commodities; and by 41 yeas to 46 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Humphrey amendment (to committee amendment) on title II, entitled "Enrichment and Packaging of Certain Donated Commodities," and title III, entitled "Demonstration Food Stamp Allotment Programs."

Pending at recess was question on adoption of committee amendment.

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Nominations: 3 judicial nominations and 15 Coast Guard nominations were received.

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Recess: Recessed at 10:42 p.m.

Committee Meetings

TAXATION—HIGHWAY FINANCING

Committee on Finance: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported with technical amendments H.R. 8678, proposed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959.

INTERNATIONAL BRIDGES

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported S. 2531, authorizing construction of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande near Los Indios, Tex.; S. 2590, authorizing construction

of a toll bridge across the Rio Grande at or near Rio Grande City, Tex.; and H.R. 3180, to extend for 3 additional years the time within which the State of Michigan may commence and complete the construction of certain bridges.

FEDERAL-AID HIGHWAYS

Committee on Public Works: Committee, in executive session, ordered favorably reported with amendments title I of H.R. 8678, proposed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959.

House of Representatives

Chamber Action

Bills Introduced: 22 public bills, H.R. 9084-9105; 9 private bills, H.R. 9106-9114; and 1 resolution, H.J. Res. 519.

Pages 18189-18190

Bills Reported: Reports were filed as follows:

S. 2504, authorizing the CCC to sell feed for livestock in emergency areas (H. Rept. 1149);

H.R. 8289, to adjust the commencing date of civil service retirement annuities (H. Rept. 1150);

H.R. 9069, to provide standards for the issuance of passports, amended (H. Rept. 1151); and

H.R. 9105, fiscal 1960 public works appropriation bill (H. Rept. 1152).

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Military Construction Appropriations: By a voice vote the House adopted the conference report on H.R. 8575, making appropriations for military construction for the Department of Defense for fiscal year 1960, and sent the legislation to the Senate. Amendment No. 2 was reported in disagreement and on which the House voted to recede and concur, with an amendment to reduce amount provided for "Military construction, Army."

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Labor Reform: By a record vote of 352 yeas to 52 nays the House adopted the conference report on S. 1555, Labor-Management Reporting and Disclosure Act of 1959, and thus cleared the legislation for Presidential action.

Pages 18115-18154

Savings Bonds Interest Rates: By a record vote of 378 yeas to 7 nays the House passed without amendment, H.R. 9035, to permit the issuance of series E and H U.S. savings bonds at interest rates above the existing maximum and to permit the Secretary of the Treasury to designate certain exchanges of Government securities to be made without recognition of gain or loss. Earlier a motion to recommit the bill had been rejected by a record vote of 134 yeas to 255 nays. H. Res. 376, the closed rule under which the legislation was considered, had been adopted earlier by a voice vote.

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Private Calendar: Pursuant to a unanimous-consent request of the majority leader the calling of the Private Calendar was made in order on Tuesday. He also announced a list of bills from the Committee on Ways and Means that would be considered one day next week.

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Adjournment: Adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Committee Meetings

EMERGENCY FEED FOR LIVESTOCK

Committee on Agriculture: Ordered favorably reported to the House S. 2504 (amended), to authorize the sale at market prices of agricultural commodities owned by the Commodity Credit Corporation to provide feed for livestock in areas determined to be emergency areas.

FOREIGN AFFAIRS MISCELLANY

Committee on Foreign Affairs: Ordered favorably reported to the House the following bills amended:

H.R. 9036, to amend the Foreign Service Buildings Act, to authorize the construction or alteration of certain buildings in foreign countries for use by the United States; and

H.R. 9069, to provide standards for the issuance of passports.

U.S. SAVINGS STAMPS

Committee on the Judiciary: Subcommittee No. 2 concluded hearings on H.R. 8107, to prohibit the use of U.S. savings stamps for trade promotion. Testimony was heard from Representative Multer and public witnesses. The subcommittee in executive session ordered favorably reported to the full committee two private claim bills and ordered adversely reported one such bill.

ANTITRUST LAW AND PROFESSIONAL SPORTS

Committee on the Judiciary: Antitrust Subcommittee concluded hearings on H.R. 2266, and related bills, to exempt certain professional sports enterprises (baseball, football, basketball, and hockey) from the antitrust laws. Among the witnesses heard was Representative Stratton.

Joint Committee Meetings

ANP PROGRAM, AND RADIATION HAZARDS

Joint Committee on Atomic Energy: The Research and Development Subcommittee met in executive session to

review a draft report on the aircraft nuclear propulsion program hearings, and on a summary analysis of hearings on employment radiation hazards and workmen's compensation insurance, but did not conclude consideration thereof, and recessed subject to call.

Saturday, September 5, 1959

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959 and returned to consideration of agricultural trade development extension.

Senate committee approved bill increasing interest on savings bonds.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages 18261-18263

Bills Introduced: 1 bill and 1 resolution were introduced, as follows: S. 2650; and S. Res. 187

Pages 18261, 18263

Bills Reported: Reports were made as follows:

H.R. 9035, to permit issuance of series E and H savings bonds at interest rates above the existing maximum and to permit Secretary of Treasury to designate certain exchanges of Government securities to be made without recognition of gain or loss, with amendments (S. Rept. 909);

H.R. 7125, to provide for a study of the feasibility of establishing the President Adams Highway (S. Rept. 910);

S. 793, to amend title 23 of U.S. Code so as to increase amount authorized for bridges over Federal dams, with amendment (S. Rept. 911); and

S. 2362, to authorize Secretary of Army to convey to city of Arlington, Oregon, certain lands at John Day lock and dam project (S. Rept. 912). Pages 18220, 18262

Actions during legislative day of Monday, August 31, 1959

Highways: Senate adopted motion of Senator Johnson (Texas) that Senate proceed to consideration of H.R. 8678, Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959. Motion to reconsider this action was tabled. Page 18199

Savings Bonds Interest: H.R. 9035, to permit issuance of series E and H savings bonds at interest rates above the existing maximum and to permit Secretary of Treasury to designate certain exchanges of Government securities to be made without recognition of gain or loss,

was read the first time when objection was made to its reference to Committee on Finance. Objection was then made to the bill's second reading. Page 18200

Interim Adjournment: On motion of Senator Johnson (Texas) Senate adjourned at 12:48 p.m. until 12:51 p.m. Page 18200

Actions during legislative day of Saturday, September 5, 1959

Savings Bond Interest: When Senate reconvened in the legislative day of Saturday, September 5, H.R. 9035, title of which is set forth above under this same subhead, was read the second time, and was then referred to Committee on Finance.

Later, following reporting of bill, authorization was granted for filing of supplemental views thereon as part of S. Rept. 909. Pages 18201, 18220, 18262-18263

Highways: By 70 yeas to 11 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Senate passed with amendments H.R. 8678, Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1959, after taking the following actions thereon:

Adopted: Motion of Senator Johnson (Texas) to return to consideration of the bill; all committee amendments en bloc, which were thereafter considered as original text for purpose of amendment; Kerr amendments of a technical, corrective nature; and Kefauver amendment respecting bridges over certain Federal dams; and

Rejected: By 35 yeas to 50 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), Gore amendment to repeal certain dividend credit toward income tax and to divert to highway fund 40 percent of excise tax on autos; by 7 yeas to 78 nays (motion to reconsider tabled), McNamara amendment to add new section cutting from 10 percent to 5 percent on a graduated scale between 1960 and 1962 excise tax